

**SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

DOCKET NOS. 2016-41-E and 2016-42-E

Order No. 2017-84-H

DECEMBER 8, 2017

Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Power Purchase Agreement between Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Olanta Solar, LLC

Power Purchase Agreement between Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Dillon Solar, LLC

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Confidential Treatment of Purchase Power Agreements

STANDING HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

South Carolina Code Section 58-4-55 empowers a public utility to designate documents or information provided to the Office of Regulatory Staff outside the context of a contested case proceeding as confidential or proprietary, and the statute further provides that the Commission has the responsibility to rule on whether the documents or information are entitled to protection from disclosure.

The statute provides that the Commission shall rule on such petition after providing the ORS and the utility an opportunity to be heard. Accordingly, in the matter currently before us, the information for which Duke Energy Progress has requested confidential treatment must not be released or otherwise disclosed until the Commission issues an order containing its findings as to whether Duke Energy Progress is entitled to have its information protected as requested. Although the parties have already provided written comment on the matter, if the parties plan to further brief the Commission on the matter, they must do so by December 13th. The Commission will issue its ruling as to confidential treatment at the Commission's business meeting on December 20, 2017.